

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 15-948V

Filed: December 17, 2015

UNPUBLISHED

ALEXANDER RYDELL,

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Petitioner,

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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*Amber Diane Wilson, Maglio Christopher & Toale, PA, Washington, DC, for petitioner.
Christine Mary Becer, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On August 31, 2015, petitioner filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,² [the “Vaccine Act”]. Petitioner alleged that he suffered pain in his right shoulder after receiving an influenza (“flu”) vaccine on January 7, 2015. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On December 17, 2015, respondent filed her Rule 4(c) report in which she concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent’s Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, respondent has concluded that a preponderance of the evidence establishes that the injury to petitioner’s right shoulder was caused-in-fact by the administration of his January 7, 2015 flu vaccine. In addition, respondent has concluded that petitioner’s right shoulder injury is compensable as a “caused-in-fact” injury under the Act. *Id.* at 3.

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

In view of respondent's concession and the evidence before me, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to compensation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey

Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master